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In re application of:

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Application No.: 08/956,349

Filed: October 23, 1997

For: <sup>ROUT</sup> METHOD FOR ANALYZING DNA  
FROM A RARE CELL IN A CELL  
POPULATION

Group Director: 1653

Examiner: Eggerton A. Campbell,  
Ph.D.

Art Unit: 1653

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37  
CFR §1.97 and §1.98

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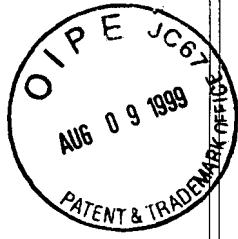
Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This IDS is being filed after the mailing date of the final Office Action or Notice of Allowance. Enclosed is a Petition requesting consideration of this IDS.

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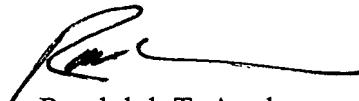


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However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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PETITION FOR CONSIDERATION OF  
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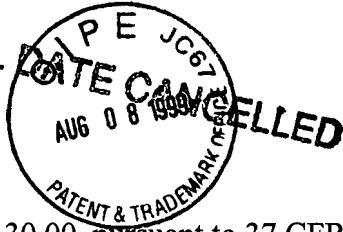
This petition is to request consideration of the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement.

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that no item of information in the information disclosure statement filed herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in Section 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

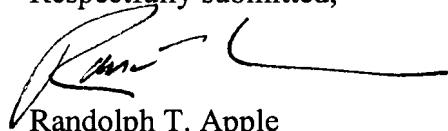
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